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WASHINGTON (UPI) — The 20-nation Inter-American Community is preparing to invoke a trade and shipping embargo of Communist Cuba and call on other nations of the free world to follow its example, authoritative sources said Friday.

The U. S. government and Latin American diplomatic sources said the collective, mandatory action will be approved by at least 15 and possibly as many as 18 of the nations at a meeting of their foreign ministers, beginning here July 21.

A minimum of 14 votes is necessary to invoke the sanctions under terms of the Rio treaty, the inter-American mutual defense pact.

The mandatory trade embargo, in line with the current United States boycott of the island, is one of the key points in three resolutions prepared by the Organization of American States for the ministers' consideration.